

tight this year. But it is not so tight that we need to entirely eliminate this expenditure. In fact, I would note that this bill provides EPA \$116 million more than the President requested. As the Senator from Maryland, Senator MIKULSKI, has said many times here on the floor, this bill is still a work in progress. I am confident that the very able managers of the bill can find room for the Montreal Protocol Fund in a budget for EPA that provides \$116 million more than the President's request for the coming year.

We have our differences here in the Senate over environmental policy. But everyone has to admit that the international program to protect the stratospheric ozone layer negotiated by President Reagan has been a tremendous success. The work is not quite done. CFCs are not entirely out of our economy. In fact, the U.S. remains the third largest user of CFCs. But we are well on the way to a CFC-free world. And this program, the Montreal Protocol Fund, has been a very important part of the effort. It deserves our continued support.

THE VERY BAD DEBT BOXSCORE

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, at the close of business yesterday, Thursday, September 23, 1999, the Federal debt stood at \$5,638,477,894,300.66 (Five trillion, six hundred thirty-eight billion, four hundred seventy-seven million, eight hundred ninety-four thousand, three hundred dollars and sixty-six cents).

One year ago, September 23, 1998, the Federal debt stood at \$5,517,883,000,000 (Five trillion, five hundred seventeen billion, eight hundred eighty-three million).

Five years ago, September 23, 1994, the Federal debt stood at \$4,667,471,000,000 (Four trillion, six hundred sixty-seven billion, four hundred seventy-one million).

Twenty-five years ago, September 23, 1974, the Federal debt stood at \$480,719,000,000 (Four hundred eighty billion, seven hundred nineteen million) which reflects a debt increase of more than \$5 trillion—\$5,157,758,894,300.66 (Five trillion, one hundred fifty-seven billion, seven hundred fifty-eight million, eight hundred ninety-four thousand, three hundred dollars and sixty-six cents) during the past 25 years.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 9:46 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks announced that the House has passed to the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1402. An act to require the Secretary of Agriculture to implement the Class I milk price structure known as Option 1-A as part of the implementation of the final rule to consolidate Federal milk marketing orders.

The message also announced that the House disagrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1555) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2000 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes, and agrees to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon; and appoints the following Members as the managers of the conference on the part of the House:

From the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, for consideration of the House bill, and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. GOSS, Mr. LEWIS of California, Mr. MCCOLLUM, Mr. CASTLE, Mr. BOEHLERT, Mr. BASS, Mr. GIBBONS, Mr. LAHOOD, Mrs. WILSON, Mr. DIXON, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. BISHOP, Mr. SISISKY, Mr. CONDIT, Mr. ROEMER, and Mr. HASTINGS of Florida.

From the Committee on Armed Services, for consideration of defense tactical intelligence and related activities: Mr. SPENCE, Mr. STUMP, and Mr. ANDREWS.

At 1:38 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Berry, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1875. An act amend title 28, United States Code, to allow the application of the principles of Federal diversity jurisdiction to interstate class actions.

MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read twice and ordered placed on the calendar:

H.R. 1402. An act to require the Secretary of Agriculture to implement the Class I milk price structure known as Option 1-A as part of the implementation of the final rule to consolidate Federal milk marketing orders.

The following resolutions were ordered placed on the calendar:

S. Res. 186. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding reauthorizing the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

S. Res. 187. A resolution to express the sense of the Senate regarding education funding.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-5355. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Priorities List for Uncontrolled Hazardous Waste Sites" (FRL #6430-7), received September 13, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5356. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Virginia; New Source Review in Nonattainment Areas" (FRL #6436-8), received September 15, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5357. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Arizona State Implementation Plan Revision, Maricopa County" (FRL #6438-1), received September 15, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5358. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; California State Implementation Plan Revisions; Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District; Kern County Air Pollution Control District; Ventura County Air Pollution Control District" (FRL #6436-2), received September 15, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5359. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Oregon" (FRL #6438-5), received September 15, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5360. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Interim Final Determination that State has Corrected the Deficiency; State of Arizona; Maricopa County" (FRL #6438-3), received September 15, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5361. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of State Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants: Arizona" (FRL #6440-2), received September 14, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5362. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and